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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, EFIS

SUBJECT: MARITIME BOUNDARIES

1. DURING DINNER CONVERSATION IN SUVA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GATES OF SPEC RAISED WITH VISITING FISHERY TEAM QUESTIONS RELATING TO MARITIME BOUNDARIES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN PACIFIC. IN PARTICULAR GATES WAS INTERESTED IN HOW USG HAD DETERMINED THE SEAWARD EXTENT OF THE US FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE; WHAT THE USG PRACTICE WAS WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF REEF SYSTEMS AS BASEPOINTS IN DEVELOPING EQUIDISTANT LINES; AND WHETHER USG HAD USED STANDARD CHARTS OF AREA OR HAD USED SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY.

2. TEAM HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF GATES ON USG PRACTICE AND DISCUSS WITH HIM PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM OUTDATED CHARTS IN THIS AREA. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT THAT TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES IN DETERMINING EQUIDISTANT LINES IS A MAJOR REASON SOME CENTRAL AND WESTERN PACIFIC COUNTRIES HAVE NOT SET FORTH

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LIMITS OF THIER 200 MILE ZONES; AND, IN SOME CASES IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE REASON THAT COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET PROMULGATED LAWS ESTABLISHING ZONES. DURING CONVERSATION WITH GOVT OFFICIALS, THIS WAS MENTIONED. FURTHERMORE, IT IS APPARENT THAT COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION SHARE CONCERN OF USG THAT DETERMINING EQUIDISTANT MARITIME BOUNDARIES ON BASIS OF STANDARD OUTDATED CHARTS MY RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL

INEQUITY TO ONE OR THE OTHER COUNTRY WHEN AND IF AREA IS  
RESURVEYED USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

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